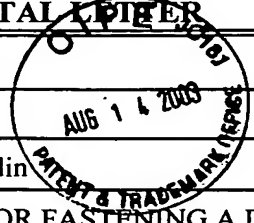


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| <b>RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL COVER</b> |            | Docket No.: VAL1599P0251US                                     |                  |
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| Group Art Unit:                   | 3727       | Examiner:  | James N. Smalley |
| Applicant:                        |            | Gilles Jourdin   |                  |
| Invention:                        |            | DEVICE FOR FASTENING A DISTRIBUTION COMPONENT ON A VESSEL NECK |                  |



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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ A Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ - month extension of time and the separate fee therefor is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim filing fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT  | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | SMALL ENTITY |           | LARGE ENTITY |            |
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|   |                                 |               | RATE         | ADDIT.FEE | RATE         | ADDIT. FEE |
| TOTAL 10  | MINUS - 20                      | = 0           | x \$ 9.00 =  | \$        | x \$ 18.00 = | \$-        |
| INDEPENDENT 2   | MINUS - 3                       | = 0           | x \$42.00 =  | \$        | x \$ 84.00 = | \$-        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First presentation of multiple dependent claim |                                 |               | + \$140.00 = | \$        | + \$280.00 = | \$-        |
| Total Fee   |                                 |               |              | \$        |              | \$-        |

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-0785 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the claim filing fee.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$- to cover the claim filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ **Conditional Petition For Extension of Time:** An extension of time, if necessary, is requested to provide for timely filing of this communication.
- ☒ A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

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